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1994 TNA Convention Schedule of Educational and Special Events

As of press time, the following tentative schedule of educational and special events had been set for the 36th TNA Convention. All events are to be held at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth.

Friday, April 29, 1994

2:00 p.m. **Guest speaker, ANA President David L. Ganz**
Continuing a long-standing tradition of cooperation and mutual support between ANA and TNA

3:00 p.m. **Society of Paper Money Collectors Regional Meeting**
Slide show by Frank Clark on "Error Notes"

Saturday, April 30, 1994

1:00 p.m. **TNA Library Numismatic Literature Auction**
Public and Mail Bid Sale of duplicate and surplus items from the TNA Library - An auction catalog, including an itemized listing of lots and terms of sale, is enclosed in this issue of the TNA News

3:00 p.m. **Early American Coppers, Inc. Regional Meeting and Colonial Coin Collectors Club Meeting** (combined)
Slide shows (from ANS) by Bob Metzger on "Die Varieties of the 1794 Large Cent" and "America's Copper Coinage, 1783-1793"

4:00 p.m. **Show and Tell**
Attendees need to bring an item of interest to show and discuss with other participants

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News Release - Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico

November 19, 1993

Mexico Cities XXI International Convention A Success

The recent XXI International Numismatic Convention sponsored by the Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico and held at the Hotel Aristos in Mexico City was rated as a large success by the society.

Most of the dealers from the U.S. agreed that this was one of the most active shows in Mexico. The auction reported a strong market in coins and paper money, but gold coins were somewhat weak. The overall results were very satisfactory.

The activities associated with the convention were well attended; the inaugural breakfast and visit to the mint were filled to capacity. Joel Perez Barbosa of the Mexico City Mint gave the keynote speech at the breakfast, describing the new coinage of Mexico and the connection of the Aztec culture to each coin.

The closing banquet was very well attended. Numismatic door prizes were given, and annual awards for the society were presented at the banquet for the first time.

The Jose Tamborral award was presented to Californian Paul Brombal for his efforts as the most active corresponding member and for his promotion of the society and Mexican numismatics.

The Manuel Romero de Terreros award for the most outstanding numismatic research by a member was presented to Miguel Vidal, for his lectures, notes and articles published in the society's *Boletin* about the varieties in twentieth century coinage.

The Pablo Gerber award was awarded to the Casa de Moneda for its support in striking the society's "coins on medals" series, and for its donations and close ties to the society.

The Alberto Francisco Pradeau award was presented to Don Bailey of Michigan, for his support in promotion and for his services as the society's representative outside of Mexico.

The Geronimo Antonio Gil award went to Pedro Ramirez Vazquez fro his design of the series of medals, "Mexico - Cruce de Caminos."

The Francisco del Rincon award was presented to Dr. Luis M. Gomez Wulschner for his books, articles and lectures on Mexican medals.

Presidential awards were given to Jaime Rosales, Dr. Wulschner and Jacqueline Douglas for their support and close collaboration with the society's president, Duane Douglas.

In view of this convention, the society has scheduled TWO conventions for 1994, from March 16-19 and from October 19-22 in Mexico City. Further details will be released as they are completed

Information on the Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico and a membership application may be obtained by contacting the society's U.S. representative Don Bailey, P.O. Box B, Tekonsha, MI 49092.

President's Message
Joe Olson

Greetings to each of you in this, our first issue of 1994. It is our hope that 1994 will be a healthy and prosperous year for you and your family.

We are pleased to report that Lyman Bartee has been awarded the prestigious Medal of Merit by the American Numismatic Association. Lyman's dynamic leadership has helped to propel numismatics from a hobby to a science. Lyman has long served the ANA in many capacities and has received numerous awards. In TNA, he has served as president, as vice president, on the board of directors, and in many other capacities. He has earned every major TNA honor. Lyman, we are again honored through your distinguished efforts. Congratulations!

We have received many nominations for the various awards that are intended to recognize outstanding service to TNA. Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness and assistance in making these nominations.

It is our hope and desire that our members will come forth with new projects and ideas which will lay a firm foundation for TNA in the twenty-first century. Our world is changing rapidly, and it is incumbent upon each of us to help position TNA to take advantage of this change. Please share your ideas with us.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Leo DeLand

Provincial, who? Me??

Conversing with an acquaintance a couple of weeks ago, I inquired "How's business?" to which he suprisingly replied, "Y'know, I'm really disappointed that most people don't know that Spanish milled dollars are listed on page 2 of the famous and ever referred-to Red Book." He continued, "Heck, most of them don't know that commemorative coins are listed in the Red Book, and THAT really jerks my chain." I knew about the commems, but not about the milled dollars. Did you? No foolin', look it up!

"Local; - of or pertaining to the provinces: *the provincial press;* - having or showing the manners characterisitic of inhabitants of a province; - countrified or rustic; - narrow or illiberal." These are some of the definitions found in the *American College Encyclopedic Dictionary* for the word **PROVINCIAL**. Does the term fit? Is your interest limited to only a single area or just a few specific areas? Are you disinterested or could care less about what other hobbyists in <u>your</u> hobby do or collect?

Now - this is probably going to tick you off, but you only have to put up with it for another 7 or so issues - now that you've enhanced your girth during the holidays, you can broaden the gray matter between your ears and learn about other facets of <u>your</u> hobby. Go to opposites. If you collect silver dollars, learn about the other end of the spectrum, such as pennies, nickels and dimes. If you collect pennies, nickels or dimes because your budget limits you to that (or for any other reason), read about paper money. If you only collect modern coins, read about ancient and medieval coins and study how coinage came into being. What do you know about fractional currency, postage stamp currency, silver certificates, gold certificates, blanket notes, large and small currency? Why are there 2 signatures? What does the pyramid on the reverse stand for? What are we doing to our currency today to reduce the possibility of fake notes? You get the idea - read and LEARN!

"Coin Could Save Billions" read the headline of an article in a paper I recently came across. The article goes on to say that ". .the Federal Reserve is rolling out its big lobbying guns again to stop a perennial threat to the profits of its owners - the big bankers who control the nation's money supply and monetary policies."

"Bankers profit from paper dollars because these are issued by the Federal Reserve against U.S. bonds on which taxpayers must pay interest.. Taxpayers last year paid some $144 million in interest on the 4.8 billion one dollar bills floating around," the article continued.

Think about this: "If dollar bills would be eliminated, this unnecessary annual interest cost would be saved because all coins are

issued directly by the Treasury without interest, whereas all paper money issued by the privately owned Federal Reserve at interest is the greatest racket ever invented." Hey - THEIR words, not mine.

Bear with me - there's just a couple more paragraphs. Continuing: "Not only would the interest on dollar bills be saved, but up to $400 million per year would be saved in printing the paper bills. The dollar bill lasts for about 18 months (and looks like it, too). A coin lasts for about 30 years. Thus every dollar in coin saves the taxpayers (that's you, oh great Bub) not only the printing costs, totalling $400 million per year, or $12 billion over 30 years, but if all dollars were coins, some $328 million per year would be saved in interest, assuming an interest rate of 6.8% per year, the average discount rate for the past 10 years. Extrapolated over 30 years, that comes to $9.9 billion plus $12 billion in printing savings for a total of $21.9 billion."

Next time you go to the bank, ask for Anthony dollars and pass 'em around. Think of the interest you'll be saving the United States.

In closing this time, here's an Indian prayer: Great Spirit - Grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins. See you in April!

News Release - Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico

November 19, 1993

Don Bailey Named Liaison to Numismatic Press by the Banco de Mexico

Don Bailey of Tekonsha, Michigan has been appointed by the Banco de Mexico to serve as its liaison with the numismatic press, concerning the issuance of new and commemorative coinage.

Bailey is currently serving as the representative of the Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico, and has been involved in Mexican numismatics for the past thirty years as either a collector, researcher, writer or dealer. He has been a contributor to numismatic publications for several years.

The function of this liaison is to publicize the correct numismatic information on any new issues, and to make the numismatic public aware of all the Bank's programs.

Bailey now operates Don Bailey numismatic services, dealing in coins, medals, documents, bonds and books of Mexico. Price lists on such items are available through the business.

Any questions on the services or products of the Banco de Mexico should be referred to Bailey. He can be reached at: P.O. Box B, Tekonsha, Michigan 49092; by phone (517) 767-4760; or by FAX (517) 767-4748.

A Few Words From the Editor

Bob Metzger

Well, I finally did it. Got a post office box in Austin so that I don't annoy my small town post office with the diversity of mail I get as editor of this newsletter. While my home county was unsuccessful in its quest to run off Apple Computer, which has had the bad judgment to offer benefits to its employees, my home town post office has had tremendous success running my mail out of town. I imagine that the mechanized mail mangler should last many more years without my oversize envelopes, catalogs and such forcing it to perform its folding, stapling and mutilating operations many times each week. An added bonus is that I found a mailbox within a mile of my place of employment, so it's very convenient. Except, that is, when the local gangs decide to stage a three-way shootout with police on the streets between my office and the post office. Fortunately, I had passed through the area of the shootout almost a full hour before, so I was not in immediate danger. At least until the next battle, anyway. In retrospect, maybe mangled mail is a small price to pay. In any event, the new address for club reports, ad copy, cards, letters, insults, compliments, circulating large denomination currency, and all the other sort of stuff that I deserve as your loyal editor is:

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Did the incident below really happen or did I just imagine it? (I am told that my fertile imagination is due to the excessive amount of fertilizer that I'm full of.)

Thieves, posing as security guards, gained entry to a recent major coin show and stole thousands of "investment grade" slabbed coins from coin dealers posing as numismatists.

I don't know about you, but any money I spend on my collecting interests is allocated AFTER I've taken care of any "investments" that I'll be counting on in later years. I recently saw an ad for uncirculated Morgan dollars (dates of the seller's choice, of course) proclaiming that since these coins once sold for $50 each, they were a real bargain at only $30. I'll bet that there are a lot of people who paid 50 bucks for examples of those same coins who would be RELIEVED if they could salvage $30 for them today. They'd be lucky to dump them for $15, if they could find a willing buyer. Please don't misunderstand me. I don't mean to knock the hobby or the folks who can sell coins for high prices. Believe me, if I could get big bucks for stuff I didn't want and didn't think

was worth it, I'd have to give it serious consideration, so long as I didn't feel like I was taking unfair advantage of the buyer. In fact, for an item I really want, I will sometimes pay more than it's "worth." But in that case, I go in with the full knowledge that I may never find someone else willing to pay what I did for it. But then, that's not why I want it. I feel that I am paying for the privilege of holding, examining and researching the piece, and that's just plain fun for me. I treat it the same way as attending a sporting event or a movie. After the important things have been taken care of, I'm free to pursue diversionary, entertaining activities. Caveat Emptor, y'all.

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Have you seen our auction catalog yet? It's in the middle of this issue, with all the instructions you'll ever need to bid even if you can't attend the sale. Leo DeLand worked very hard to gather the material, itemize and examine each lot, and take a stab at price estimates. I coerced Leo's very complete and detailed list into the layout you see, added notes on the auction catalogs reflecting the category ratings from John Adams' *United States Numismatic Literature, Volume Two*, and refined some of the price estimates based on my extensive collection of numismatic literature auctions from the last few years and Charles Davis' *American Numismatic Literature*. We sincerely hope that you will take a good look through the catalog and consider bidding on material that may be of use to you. There's a variety of very good stuff here - I think you'd be making a big mistake to NOT give some strong consideration to tendering some bids on lots of interest. Remember, there's no buyer's fee, and all proceeds go to the TNA. Most of these items are duplicates, and most have been unused for many, many years. We are striving to convert stagnant assets such as these into others that will truly benefit the membership.

Combined EAC and C4 Meeting Set for TNA Convention

Regional meetings of Early American Coppers, Inc. and the Colonial Coin Collectors Club are scheduled to be held in combination at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, during the Texas Numismatic Association's annual convention at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth. Impressions of and news from the 1994 EAC convention, held the previous weekend in Las Vegas, will be shared by EAC Region 6 Secretary Chris McCawley and Region 6 Chairman Bob Metzger, both of whom are also active C4 members. Two ANS-copyrighted slide programs will be offered, as attendee interest and time constraints dictate. One program is an overview of pre-federal U.S. copper coinage, covering the years 1783-1793, and the other is an examination of die varieties of the 1794 large cent. The former program was developed by Richard Doty, and the latter by recently deceased, long-time TNA and EAC member, Dr. George E. Ewing, Jr.

Robert L. Thornton - Banker

by Frank Clark

Robert L. Thornton began his career in banking in 1916 with his two brothers-in-law. The new private bank was known as Stiles, Thornton and Lund Bank. The offices were in a downtown hole in the wall. Mr. Thornton became known as "Uncle Bob." He was a natural banker and a natural salesman. The little bank grew rapidly and in April, 1925 the bank became chartered as a national bank, with charter number 12707. The bank decided on The Mercantile National Bank In Dallas for a name Its capitalization was $500,000. Mr. Thornton was now the bank's president.

Uncle Bob's attitude was to improve what was around him, and therefore it would improve him. If he helped the city, he would be an indirect beneficiary. He had a strong, driving personality and he always had a goal in front of him.

In 1925 he served as the president of the Texas Bankers Association He also served as the president of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce. Later he served four terms as mayor of Dallas. An expressway in Dallas is named for him, due to all that he did for Dallas.

On February 1, 1929 the Mercantile went into voluntary liquidation and became the Mercantile Bank and Trust Company of Dallas, Texas. This was a private bank.

Before long, it was decided to make the Mercantile a national bank. In August, 1933 it was chartered as the Mercantile National Bank At Dallas, charter number 13743, with capital of $1,000,000. Mr. Thornton remained as president of the bank.

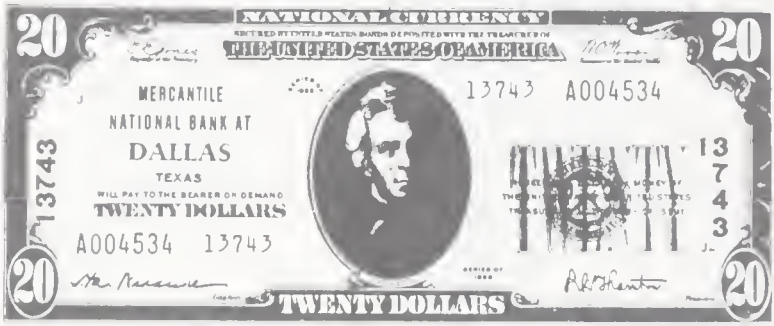
He led the Dallas delegation to Austin to win the 1936 Texas Centennial Exposition for Dallas. Then he headed the campaign to raise $25 million to to build the buildings needed for the exposition, which were erected in Fair Park in Dallas. The buildings still stand today, and are used year round, most prominently during the annual state fair. There is a statue of Robert L. Thornton on the fair grounds to honor his accomplishments.

The Mercantile and the city of Dallas both grew, and in 1943 the bank moved into its new 33 story skyscraper, noted for its art deco lobby. There is also a huge clock and neon spire at the top of the building. This was the only skyscraper erected in the nation during World War II It remained the tallest building in Dallas until Republic National Bank built a taller building in 1954.

Uncle Bob was an agressive banker. The Mercantile was the first in Dallas to make car loans, the first to open a downtown drive-in bank and the first to make Federal Housing Administration backed home loans He started a Mercantile tradition of making big real estate loans However, it did not matter to him whether you were big or little or rich or poor, as long as you demonstrated to him that you had ability and honor. If so

Robert L. Thornton

$10 Third Charter large size national bank note, pen signed by R.L. Thornton as president



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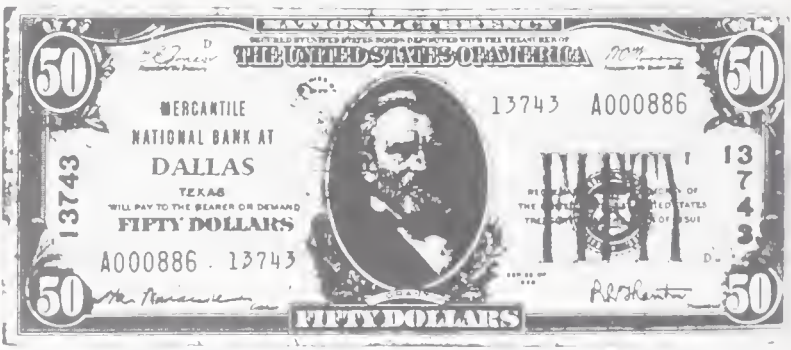

$50 Type II small size national bank note, with engraved signature of R.L. Thornton as president

he would stick with you

Uncle Bob died in 1964. The city of Dallas lost a leader and a friend. The Mercantile grew conservative and was outdistanced by its less complacent rivals, Republic National Bank and First National Bank. Today the Mercantile is part of the Banc One Texas chain.

The Mercantile National Bank In Dallas issued $10, $20, $50 and $100 Third Charter Plain Back national bank notes. Total amount of circulation issued was $2,070,950. The amount outstanding at the close was $582,600

Mercantile National Bank At Dallas issued $10, $20, $50 and $100 Type II small size national bank notes. Total amount of circulation issued was $678,900. The amount outstanding in July 1935, when the national bank note program was halted, was $435,250.

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MAKE PLANS NOW FOR THE TNA CONVENTION IN FORT WORTH APRIL 28 - MAY 1 BRING A FRIEND!

Regional SPMC Meeting Planned for TNA Convention

There will be a regional meeting of the Society of Paper Money Collectors held in conjunction with the 1994 Texas Numismatic Association convention. The meeting will be held at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth on Friday, April 29, at 3:00 p.m. SPMC member and TNA District V Governor Frank Clark will give a slide show and program on error notes.

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What Is This Thing Called Telecard?

by Steve Eyer

Many of you follow the articles in *Coin World*, *Numismatic News* and the other weeklies and monthlies. Recently you may have seen articles on a new collectible, Telephone Cards. The hobby has also been covered in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, *USA Today*, *The New York Times*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and quite a few more. What they are all talking about is not the card you may have in your pockets to charge calls to your telephone bill, but telephone cards that can be bought in advance and have a fixed, limited amount of time in them. These cards, which are the same size as a standard credit card, usually are purchased in denominations of $5, $10, $20 or $50. The advantage of using prepaid cards is that you save a lot of money, you don't need to own a telephone or a bag full of coins, and it is a splendid way to budget a student's monthly telephone time, without having to worry how big the monthly bill will be.

And that's just the point for telephone companies, and the reason they are willing to sell these little collectibles to you so cheaply. They don't have to worry that you might not pay your bill, they don't have to go through all the accounting procedures to produce that bill, and there can't be fraudulent, runaway charges attached to any of the bills if the charge number is stolen. Generally, telephone companies have to eat those charges, which may run over $10,000 before a stolen number is changed.

But we, as numismatists, are not too concerned with the whys of the appearance of the cards over the last few years in the U.S., we are more concerned about how nice they can look and how easy they are to collect. You could consider the cards as spaces where photographers or artists can create works of art. The cards can be considered very large stamps, very large coins or miniature postcards. And, they are very durable and "feel good."

Just how do they work? Well, there are two types in use in the U.S. and Canada. The traditional type is used by five telephone companies here: NY Telephone (NYNEX), GTE Hawaii, GTE Saipan (yes, it has a zip code), US West, and BC Telephone in Vancouver. The traditional types of cards actually keep track of the remaining telephone time within the card itself. But they require an expensive, special telephone to receive the special card. The card may vary from one with only a magnetic strip to store the value of money you've purchased as telephone time, to one that actually contains a microchip and associated circuitry within the card itself.

The second and most practical type of card for the U.S. is the card that operates in conjunction with the telephone company's computer. By keying in the PIN number of the card (each one is different), the computer keeps track of the remaining time and tells you when it's

about used up. These have the advantage of being usable anywhere and require no expensive dedicated telephones to accept the traditional cards such as those described above and those used overseas.

But are they money? We pay for them in advance, they represent a store of value ready for us to use, and we wouldn't think of dropping a new one on the ground, because we'd be throwing away money. In fact, I've actually used a card as money when I ran out in a foreign country. I just substituted a new, unused card for the remainder of a restaurant bill. It was fully acceptable as currency in lieu of the folding kind. I'm not a student of the finer points of what is money, but I can assure you that overseas, the cards are treated just like money. And the ANA thinks they are, too.

Those of you who were fortunate enough to attend the ANA in Baltimore might have noticed eight display cases in the exhibit hall housing prepaid telephone cards. If you had your wallet out, you could have purchased the ANA's very own prepaid telephone cards at their sales marquee at the head of the bourse room. There were 500 first edition cards available, and they didn't last long That first printing of the $5.00 card is already trading at $12.50, and actively at that! But you can make calls with it, and then, when you're through, put it into your collection. It is a delightful card, picturing a proof 1860 three dollar gold piece. And it's in full color, too!

Actively collecting the thousands of designs is what hundreds to thousands of collectors from Japan to Britain do daily, and they have been doing just that for years. The original cards were Japanese, where they've been collecting cards since they began using them in 1975; the latecomers are the United States and Canadian telephone companies, who are just beginning. So you won't have a lot of catching up to do, the first U.S. telecards were issued in 1987 at the University of Michigan. There are some challenges to complete a collection.

The hobby is just on the verge of its first full-fledged catalog, which should appear in early spring, and the number of telephone companies in North America that are introducing telephone cards to their clients grows almost daily. Now, over 125 U.S. companies have their own prepaid telephone card operations. Many more of the 3100 telephone companies are considering this new product. We were able to see this interest at the first telephone card bourse In September at Richmond, Virginia.

How do you begin collecting? Several of us produce price lists of telephone cards for sale. Two magazines in English are published Classified ads are available in the existing numismatic and philatelic newspapers for traders Collector clubs exist all over the world if your desires run to foreign cards and foreign contacts. If you will just badger the editor of the *TNA News*, we'll run some details for you

If you're still doubtful about the future of this delightful hobby, let me share the following with you. At several bourses, both here and

overseas, I've carefully watched the youngsters who are tagging along with their parents. The kids seem mostly disinterested in the coins as they pass by the tables, but they stop and look for awhile at my colorful banknotes. However, they seem to get really excited about the even more colorful telephone cards. Perhaps it is the color, and perhaps it is the size, but there is something that they relate to.

And the number of young couples and children collecting telephone cards overseas is much higher than those interested in coins and banknotes. Families seem to be involved. Several of the telecard bourses have massive attendance overseas. May I suggest that we boldly accept this new hobby, help it and nurture it, and welcome the many new collectors it will bring to us. This is the new blood for our hobby. Large quantities. Couldn't we use it?

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In the fifth century B.C., the city of Athens became the most prosperous and powerful state in Greece. Under their great statesman Pericles, the Athenians built an empire through their leadership of the Delian League, an anti-Persian military alliance. The tetrarachme of Athens, popularly known as "owls" because of their reverse design, are wonderful artifacts of the city's Golden Age. These distinctive silver coins were struck from the wealth that poured into Athens from her own silver mines and from the cities under her rule. Athenian "owls" became the standard currency of the Aegean region. In about 449 B.C., Athens issued a decree directing her subject states to cease coining silver and use Athenian coins in all transactions within the city. The reputation of "owls" as a stable currency was so great that they were used for trade far and wide. Hoards of Athenian tetradrachms have been found from Sicily and Italy in the west to Afghanistan in the east.

The Athenians used the great wealth the city now possessed to rebuild the temples burned down by the Persians in 480 B.C. For this purpose, Pericles appropriated the colossal sum of 5000 talents (equal to 7,500,000 tetradrachms) from the treasury of the Delian League. The greatest of these temples was the Parthenon, begun in 447 B.C. Under the direction of the sculptor Phidias, the greatest architects and sculptors of the day labored to produce the finest of all Classical Greek buildings. The city's wealth also helped pay for the production of dramas performed as part of the festival of Dionysus, held each spring. The tragedies of Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides, and the comedies of Aristophenes which were written and performed during Athens' Golden Age are still acted today. The city had also become a center of learning. This was the era of the philosopher Socrates and his star pupil Plato, who, in their search for knowledge and understanding of the human condition, left an enduring legacy. That literature, philosophy and art should flourish in the city which took its name from the goddess of wisdom, Athena, seems appropriate.

Athens' wealth and power aroused the envy of other Greek states, especially Sparta. In 431 B.C., the great contest between the two city-states and their allies, known as the Peloponnesian War, began. At the outset of the war, Athens had a reserve of 6000 talents (9,000 tetradrachms) in coined silver lodged in the opisthodomos (treasury) of the Parthenon. However, plague (which took the life of Pericles in 429 B.C.) and ill-conceived military ventures (such as the disastrous campaign of 415-413 B.C. against Syracuse) proved to be the city's undoing. In 404 B.C., she surrendered to Sparta and dismantled her fortifications. Athens would become a power again in the fourth century B.C., but she never regained the dominant position she attained before the Peloponessian War.

Because of what they represent, Athenian "owls" are among the most sought-after of ancient coins. Weighing in at about 17.20 grams each, they are of almost pure silver. On the obverse of these coins is the head of Athena, wearing a crested helmet decorated with three olive leaves and a floral scroll. Although Athena's head is shown in profile, her eye is shown frontally - an archaic feature which may have been retained due to a reluctance to tamper with a recognized symbol of financial stability. On the reverse is Athena's companion, the owl. According to Greek legend, Athena's owl flew around the world each night to bring back to the goddess news of the day's events. Behind the owl is a sprig of olive (a reference to the city's chief agricultural export - olive oil) and a crescent moon (possibly commemorating Athens' great naval victory over the Persians at Salamis in 480 B.C. - fought during the last quarter of the moon).

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The new book is being made available in soft cover, in 8.5" x 11" format. It runs 1,008 pages in length, and is reported to "contain listings by date and mint for all world coins of 1701-1800. Each issue is valued in up to four grades of preservation. Patterns and tokens are also included...The listings are illustrated by almost 19,000 actual-size coin photographs. Assisting readers in identifying coins are illustrated instant identifiers, standard international numeral systems chart, a guide to grading terminology and abbreviations, a chart on total weights of coins, a date conversion chart, mint index, coin denominations listings, chart of coin sizes, a listing of foreign exchange rates, and a cross-referenced country index."

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Beginning balance from November 5, 1993 * *	$	30,206.35
less encumbered funds		(11,907.16)
RECEIPTS		
Dues	$	193.00
Journal Ads		532.00
Interest		116.00
TOTAL	$	841.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
Secretary Allowance	$	175.00
Secretary Expenses		99.53
Editor Allowance		200.00
Editor Expenses		68.15
TNA News Printing Costs		1,444.24
ANA Dues		30.00
TOTAL	$	2,016.92
AVAILABLE BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT	$	12,123.27
ENCUMBERED FUNDS		
ANA Junior Seminar Fund	$	1,068.25
TNA Memorial Library Fund		692.58
Life Membership C.D. Account		10,146.33
C.D.s		5,000.00
TOTAL	$	16,907.16
TOTAL ASSETS AS OF JANUARY 5, 1994	$	29,030.43

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TEXAS District Meetings

DISTRICT III

TNA welcomes newly-appointed District 3 Governor E.L "Bob" Bills, who submitted the following reports for clubs in his district. Bob has been active in numismatics for many years, and currently serves as Vice President of the Heart of Texas Coin Club. He is TNA Life Member number 96, and is also a member of the American Numismatic Association, Oklahoma Numismatic Association, Kansas Numismatic Association and Arkansas Numismatic Society. Bob Bills can be reached at P.O. Box 50, Pontotoc, Tx 76869.

The **Brownwood Coin Club** had their regular (first Monday) meeting on December 6 at the Heartland Mall. Although Mr. Bills arrived a little late, he reports that he did have the opportunity to bid on some nice coins in the evening's auction, which was conducted by Press Adams. As a show of respect for his numismatic expertise (and perhaps a ploy to ensure his on-time arrival?) the new District 3 Governor was also appointed speaker for the January 3 meeting. He promised to prepare something of educational value for this knowledgable group.
--E.L. "Bob" Bills, District III Governor

The **Heart of Texas Coin Club** met November 15 at Brady, Texas. A short business report was followed by a "Wild Auction," with good prices realized on all lots. Election of new club officers was scheduled for the club's December 20 meeting. The club meets at the Chamber of Commerce in Brady on the third Monday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. Visitors are welcome.
--E.L. "Bob" Bills, District III Governor

Eighteen members attended the **Key City Coin Club**'s December 4 Christmas party and meeting at Ann's Country Steak House in Baird, Texas. The steaks were great, and at least one member took home a significant portion of leftover steak for future consumption. Gifts were exchanged among various members, and a number of door prizes were provided for attendees. Outgoing club president Randall Thorton installed the following slate of 1994-1995 officers: President, Russell Souders; 1st V.P., Mary Lou Negginson (whose T-bone steak was reportedly nearly as large as she); 2nd V.P., Bob Kirkley; and Secretary, Frances Thornton.

Visitors are encouraged to attend the club's monthly meetings, which are held every first Thursday.
--E.L. "Bob" Bills, District III Governor

It appears that the **San Angelo Coin Club** and the **Sweetwater Coin Club** are currently "lost at sea." An organizational meeting was scheduled for January 13, in the meeting room just behind El Patio Restaurant in San Angelo. The meeting agenda was to include election of officers, discussion of budgetary requirements and dues.
--E.L. "Bob" Bills, District III Governor

DISTRICT IV

Ten members of the **Austin Texas Coin Club** were joined by guest Vic Mustatia on November 9 at the Austin History Center. President Harry Barnette called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Attendees were informed of the illness and hospitalization of club secretary and TNA District IV Governor, Lyman Bartee. There was a lively discussion concerning plans for the club's annual banquet meeting in December. A motion to conduct a bingo game was defeated, but a motion for a numismatic quiz, featuring prizes for the top few member and guest contestants, was proposed by Owen Smith, seconded by Francis Smith, and approved by the membership. Owen and Francis, although not genetically related, clearly share a keen interest in making numismatic education fun. A 1994 officer nominating committee, composed of Owen, Francis and Hal Chesner, was appointed. Show and Tell was highlighted by Francis' discussion of a proof Canadian one ounce silver round, Owen's discussion and display of a rare Sasanian coin, and young numismatist Emrys (son of Owen) Smith's presentation on a Virgin Islands proof set. After the meeting, Mr. Mustatia was voted in by the board as the newest club member, despite not being named Smith.

The December 14 meeting was the annual club banquet, held at the Best Western South. Fifteen members and eight guests enjoyed a buffet meal. The nominating committee's choices for 1994 officers were elected unanimously: President, Francis Smith; V.P., Owen Smith; Secretary/Treasurer, Harry Barnette; Curator, Hal Chesner; and Directors, Jack Scantlen and Moton Crockett. Owen conducted a very good examination of everyone's numismatic knowledge with a twenty question quiz. Moton won first prize, Hal took second, and Gerry Kammer placed third. Among the guests, Jennifer Kammer and Arlene Nygard finished 1-2.
-- Harry Barnette, club President

The **Capital City Coin Club**'s November 18 meeting was attended by eighteen members. The library committee voted to make the Austin Public Library's Central Branch the repository for all numismatic books donated by the club, with other branches receiving duplicates when

available. The nominating committee recommended the following slate of officers for 1994: President, Bryan Jones, V.P., Owen Smith, and Secretary/Treasurer, Kim Cromack. The slate was accepted and the officers elected. Member Bob Windoffer gave a brief program on a Lindbergh medal that he received from an Arizona museum. Bob recounted meeting the famous aviator during World War II in the South Pacific, when Lindbergh was giving instructions on flying tricks for the P-38 fighter. An auction was held, after which the meeting adjourned.

Thirty-two members and guests turned out for the club's annual holiday banquet on December 9 at the Best Western South. Outgoing president Jeff Meyer introduced the 1994 officers and presided over a fun-filled drawing for door prizes. There was an abundance of food, fellowship and conversation.

--Kim Cromack, club Secretary

The November 4 meeting of the **Williamson County Coin Club** was attended by four members. Due to the small turnout, the election of officers, which had been scheduled for this meeting, was postponed. President Gabe Proctor passed around a book on historical numismatic documents and letters, after which the meeting was adjourned.

The Christmas meeting was held on December 2 at the 620 Cafe, in Round Rock. Six members and three guests attended. Bob Metzger brought a portion of his collection of tokens issued by Williamson County merchants during the last 100 years; the 70+ items were passed around and discussed. Due to the nature and location of the meeting, there was no formal program.

Elections were finally held at the January 6 meeting, which was attended by nine members and no guests. The 1994 officers are: President, Chuck Elkins; V.P., Gabe Proctor; Secretary, Erin Davis; and Treasurer, Rod Sherva. The position of curator was assimilated into the presidency. After the election, new ways of attracting membership were discussed, as well as the club's vision for the new year. Numismatics then became the topic, as it should be in a coin club.

The club's meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Christ Lutheran Church in Georgetown. Visitors are welcome. Interested? Call (512) 863-0945 for more information.

--Erin Davis, club Secretary

DISTRICT V

The November 18 meeting of the **Collin County Coin Club** was called to order by Gary Rollins, with 18 members and 4 guests in attendance. The club welcomed Ken Bucher, Dennis Carey and Phillip Carey as new members. It was announced that membership, meeting attendance and participation are all at an all time high. All members were invited to consider giving at least a short program on something of numismatic interest. The meeting concluded with Mr. Bill Hixson calling an auction

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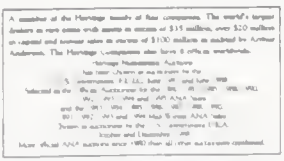

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of 44 lots submitted by members.

Thirty-eight members and guests enjoyed the club's Christmas dinner meeting at the Steak Kountry Restaurant in McKinney on December 16. Even with the recent upsurge in member activity, this large turnout was an unexpected treat. Business took a back seat to fellowship and holiday celebration on this evening, and a good time was had by all.

The club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month in the restaurant's Banquet Room. Come and join this dynamic, growing club for numismatic insight and camaraderie.

--Gary Rollins, club President

President Frank Clark called the 785th meeting of the **Dallas Coin Club** to order on October 21. Seventeen members and two guests, Tom and Amelia Ewall, were present. It was noted that the club library's two newest video tapes were already checked out: *Detecting Counterfeit and Altered Coins* to Maurice Bond, and *Collecting U.S. Paper Money* to Frank Clark. The current club officers agreed to serve again in 1994: President, Frank Clark; V.P., Joe Barthold; and Sec/Treas, Mike Grant. Ben Hong showed some play money, made in China, that looked like reduced size U.S. currency. Some had mismatched serial numbers. Harry Cabluck gave a remarkable presentation on Morgan and Peace dollars, using excerpts from Leroy C. Van Allen's book on the coins. Harry told the history of the coins, and described and displayed numerous interesting varieties. After the program, twenty-four sold auction lots added $4.54 to the club's treasury.

Twenty-four members and a guest, Ellen Surginer, were in attendance on November 18. Joe Barthold announced that he had a list of slide programs available for presentations. The award for best program of 1993 was decided by ballot, and went to Ben Hong. The new video tapes on counterfeit detection and currency were checkout out by Barry Warner and Kyle Redd, respectively. Mike Grant provided the evening's program, speaking about the Flying Eagle Cent. He told of the government's intent to replace the variety of circulating small denomination pieces, including large cents and foreign coins, with the new small cents, and the problems this created. Mike also gave some background on the famous 1856 issue. The meeting wrapped, as usual, with an auction. Twenty lots sold, netting the club $7.47.

--club newsletter (Michael P. Grant, editor)

The November issue of the *NI Bulletin*, the journal of Dallas-based **Numismatics International**, carried a variety of articles on coins, currency and numismatics of the world. A feature entitled "The Hoard of 1992" was a fascinating listing of 37 coins from 18 different countries, that had turned up in change over the past ten years at a Florida resort hotel. Another article, "Private Ivan R. Sheppard," contained an intriguing inventory of coins and paper money accumulated

by the U.S. soldier during his service in Russia at the end of World War II. A wealth of additional information was packed into the 24-page *Bulletin*, which is published monthly. Membership information can be obtained by writing to NI at P.O. Box 670013, Dallas, TX 75367-0013 --**club newsletter, *NI Bulletin* (Marvin L. Fraley, editor)**

DISTRICT VI

In its November 11 newletter, the **Clements Coin Club** encouraged its members to join TNA. A note from Pennsylvanian Gail Kraljevich included hellos to everyone, and Hanh Ha wrote a short but informative narrative about buffalo nickels. Correspondence between the club and Steve Middleton, a teacher at Mt. Olive High School in New Jersey, and president of the Roxbury Coin Club, was also published. He sought advice on getting students at his high school interested and involved in a coin club, and the club responded with information on conducting shows, projects, exhibits and all the other things that work for them. A letter for ANA's Education Coordinator James Taylor invited Mr. Ross to encourage a student of his choice to speak at the Numismatic Theater at the Early Spring ANA convention in New Orleans. Hanson Wong implored members to participate in the club's Queen Elizabeth coin research project. Short notes from Linda Johnson and Dilip Mulani rounded out the issue.

The November 24 newsletter carried brief letters on a variety of topics from Min Li Hu, Karen Germany, Hansie Wong, Christine Siu, Janell Johnson, Linda A. Johnson and Inyork Wong. Hanh Ha described the enjoyment of researching coins. Michael Barton wrote about finding numerous collectible U.S. and foreign coins while working part time as a grocery store cashier. New club member (and *TNA News* editor) Bob Metzger told about his and his two sons' involvement in numismatics, and of his special interest in tokens, especially those from Texas. Author and researcher Bill Fivaz included 3 copies of his *Cherrypicker's Guide* with his membership application and dues. A donation of books was made by noted numismatist and new C3 member, Q. David Bowers, who also forwarded information about the club to Beth Deisher, editor of *Coin World*.

Sandwiched in between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays was the single December issue of *The C-Cubed*, dated December 9. Preparations were underway for the club's first show, to be held December 11, and Michael Barton and Amy Ng each reminded club members that help would be needed for the show. Judy Matherne joined the club and requested directions to the show from the Beaumont area. Janice Llacar authored a lovely tribute to club sponsor, Mr. Ralph Ross. Entitled *Mr. Potato Head*, it noted his "unique style of teaching ... friendly smile, ... business man like appearance," and credited his "patience and dedication" to his success both in the classroom and with the coin club. Lest she be accused of being a brown-nose, the author

duly noted that "the shape of Mr. Ross' head resembles the head on the toy Mr. Potato Head. All you need is a beard and no glasses." It should be noted that Mr. Ross also has quite a sense of humor.

The first newsletter of the new year contained a concise review of the club's first show; Christine Siu reported that it was "cool. .[with] coin dealers, an auction and everything." She also welcomed new member Mr. Richard Schnell, and thanked all the Houston and Sugar Land donors to the show. Molly Flynn contributed a profile of the 17th century mathematician L'Hospital, and Namrata Sharma authored an historical sketch of Great Britain, including a chart of the British monetary system. Min Li Hu reported on her Winter Break travels along the Gulf Coast to Pensacola and back. ANA Educational guru James Taylor congratulated Mr. Ross on making such a positive impression on his students (by his actions, not by resembling Mr. Potato Head). Linda Johnson chronicled her holiday food and eggnog intake. Steve Middleton thanked the club for its advice and promised to report his progress on organizing a club at his high school. Hanh Ha welcomed all the Clements students back from vacation. Krause Publications associate editor Christopher Batio offered to talk to his employer about arranging a donation of books to the club, and sent a catalog for members to peruse and use as a wish list. Last, but not least, the club sent a note to the Original Hobo Nickel Society inquiring about the origin of Mr. Bill Fivaz's nickname, Zemo

--club newsletter, *The C-Cubed* (Tim Jin, editor and Amy Ng, publisher)

DISTRICT VII

In the absence of Wayne Gordon and Robert Lacewell, the November 11 **Alamo Coin Club** meeting and auction were conducted by Harold Eiserloh. Twelve members and two guests, Jerry C.'s wife, Sharon, and Harold's wife, Fran, were in attendance. A letter from Walter Clavette was read, in which he stated that he expected to finish his Roman Inscriptions computer program by Thanksgiving, having secured Seaby's permission to use their references. In honor of Veteran's Day, round table items were war-related: WWI U.S. ID (dog) tags worn by Porter Montgomery's father in France; U.S. Persian Gulf bronze medal, shown by Harold; and a 1991 Marshall Islands Desert Storm Dollar, proof USO commemorative dollar, and proof 1991 Korean War commemorative dollar, all brought by John Blacketer. The club voted to have its Christmas party on its regular meeting night at the Maverick Cafe, and to invite Gateway Coin Club members to attend. The evening's auction saw 20 of 27 lots sell, with 11 unsold lots of exceptional coins or books with high minimum bids, for which members were not prepared. It was suggested that, in the future, members intending to submit auction lots with a greater than $25 minimum bid should place an announcement ahead of time in the club newsletter.

Fourteen members and three guests (the wives of Cirillo, Cook and Rangel) attended the Christmas party. A brief business meeting preceded the evening's festivities. Round table items included a souvenir of World War II, shown by Wayne Gordon: a silk Nippon flag, covered with verses expressing good wishes in Japanese characters. Harold Eiserloh showed several slides of famous works of art and a Christmas item, a silver round depicting the story of the birth of Christ. After two rounds of the Gift Game, there was an elimination series of Coin World Trivia, with Py Coryell emerging victorious.

A short article, written by Harold, comparing current U.S. coins to those of the rest of the world, appeared in the January newsletter. The gist of the piece was that there is a paucity of interesting coins in circulation in the United States at the present time. Harold expects (and seems to invite) rebuttal from other club members.

--club newsletter, *The Alamo News* (Harold Eiserloh, editor)

The **Gateway Coin Club**'s November 4 auction night was enjoyed by twenty-three members and three visitors: Tom Wood, John and Julie Venturelli. Before the meeting concluded, John became the newest club member. Ray Tate announced the purchase of a large quantity of numismatic items to be used for attendance and raffle prizes. Frank Galindo proposed that the club issue wooden dollars to help promote the club's 1994 coin show. A round table session was followed by a numismatic auction. There was great competitive bidding and some excellent bargains.

The November 18 meeting attracted nineteen members and a guest, Julie Venturelli. Wayne Gordon informed everyone that he would be teaching a course in basic numismatics on Saturdays. The location has not been determined, but it is through an adult continuing education program. Several members participated in the round table, including Bob Rogers and Wayne Gordon. Karla Galindo presented an educational program, "NRA Tokens and Related Memorabilia." Karla explained that the National Recovery Administration period was from 1933-1935, and that the NRA was developed to encourage a national effort to bring security to all during the Depression years. During the program, Karla displayed NRA tokens, stamps, post cards, window stickers, a vehicle license plate, and a host of other items, all displaying the NRA eagle. The meeting closed with a mini-auction conducted by Doc Grover.

The December 2 meeting had a great turn-out, with twenty-six members and two visitors. The members welcomed Julie Venturelli (who later became the club's newest member) and Sharon Cook. Marianne Hunter announced that Robert Lacewell was ill. Round table participants were Bob Rogers, Harry Allen and Lou Rangel. Ed Witt spoke about his recent surgery and showed off his new stamp catalog. The auction was fast-paced, with Harry Allen, Bob Rogers, Py Coryell, Ray Tate and Lou Rangel keeping the bidding at an exciting level.

The club's Christmas party was hosted by Miriam Gilmore. It was most successful, with forty attendees, including three elves. After a fantastic, delicious feast, there was a presentation honoring three long time club members, S.O. and Julie Smith and Ed Witt. For their years of service to the club, they were presented Honorary Life Memberships by Frank Galindo. Miriam, already an Honorary Life Member, was also presented a certificate. Afterwards, a gift exchange provided a lot of fun. Special thanks were expressed to two of Miriam's friends, Mary Estrada and Hannalore Pettit, for their help in setting up the party.

The January-February issue of *The Gatepost* carried an original article entitled, "Longacre's Influence on Numismatic Art," by Jim Dracopolous. Jim examined the controversy surrounding Longacre's lack of experience as an engraver and resulting tendency toward flattened surfaces in his numismatic designs. The author concluded that the value of Longacre's work should not be interpreted solely in terms of artisitic beauty, but also in terms of the influence his work had on United States coinage designs, particularly in their utilization of symbolism and their expression of national sentiments.

Also in the newsletter was an announcement of the death of faithful member Raymond Angstadt. Christmas cards were received from long-distance members Mike Greenspan and Vincent, Debbie and Heather Grubb.

--club newsletter, *The Gatepost* (Frank Galindo, editor)

DISTRICT VIII

The Las Carabelas medals, a limited issue authorized and marketed by the **Corpus Christi Coin Club**, were scheduled to be in the hands of club members by early December. The .999 fine silver medals, with a diameter of 35mm, depict Columbus' three ships, the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria. Also on the obverse is the cross of Spain and a lone star, along with the ships' names and the year 1492. The reverse features the logo of the club and its founding year of 1952. Each medal has an engraved serial number on its otherwise plain edge. Mintage is limited to 500 pieces. The Las Carabelas fleet has been anchored at Corpus Christi, and is available for public tours. Details on obtaining specimens of the medal are available through the club, at P.O. Box 3191, Corpus Christi, TX 78404.

At the most recent club meetings, member Bill Bailey has given detailed reports of the Hong Kong Show and his travels in that part of the world. Bill also teamed with Don Bryan to recount their adventures in Mexico while attending the Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico show in October. These talks have been extremely entertaining and interesting.

--club newsletter

DISTRICT IX

The weather was great and a gala event was held on December 6 at

the Copper Caboose Restaurant in Lubbock. It was the **South Plains Coin Club**'s Christmas party and annual benefit auction. Sixty-seven members and guests enjoyed a fine meal and great fellowship. The holiday spirit was upon everyone, and attendees were very generous in their bidding, with the profits going to Meals-On-Wheels and the Texas Boys' Ranch in Lubbock. Auctioneer Herman Jacobs did a great job in getting the best prices for the auction lots. Hanson Ling, club V.P., gave a Certificate of Achievement to each person who had presented a program at club meetings during 1993. The party ended at 10:30 p.m., and everyone had a safe journey home.

Twenty-five members and a pair of visitors turned out for the January 3 meeting. Committees were appointed for the club's March show, and their responsibilities were outlined. Lamonte Pitzer gave a TNA report, and stated that the TNA Club Salute entry had been submitted. He also stated that he had made nominations for some other awards. The director of Meals-On-Wheels presented the club with a plaque, in appreciation for the club's donation to the program. Laura Cook gave an interesting program about Felix Schlag, who designed the Jefferson nickel. Laura said that Mr. Schlag lived in Chicago and often visited the coin club there, although he was not a collector. The meeting concluded with an auction conducted by Herman Jacobs and Hanson Ling.
--Lamonte Pitzer, District IX Governor & Herman Jacobs, reporter

DISTRICT XI

Golden Spread Coin Club officers for 1994 were approved by acclamation at its November 1 meeting. Those officers are: President, Mike Ecklund; 1st V.P. (in charge of programs), Jerry Davidson; 2nd V.P. (in charge of membership and drawings), Ron Hoskins; Secretary, Nela Runkle; Treasurer, Paula White; and members at large, Tommy Tompkins, Homer Dotts and James Harding. Members also voted to send $100 to the Empty Stocking Fund charity. Show and Tell participants included Paulla White, with bicentennial $2 bills to go along with her program; Homer Dotts, displaying a sheet of $2 star notes; Art Tollett, who brought an Amarillo bus token; Nela Runkle, who showed a Turkish coin and a Roman coin; Jim Laub, with a 1st Day Cover from July 1971; and C.C. Stewart, who had examples of the first small $2 notes. Ideas were put forth and discussed regarding how best to participate in the "World's Largest Treasure Hunt" during National Coin Week, April 17-23, 1994. The ANA is asking collectors to put obsolete or otherwise collectible coins and currency into circulation at that time.

In lieu of a meeting, the club's Christmas party was held on Sunday, December 5 at the Western Sizzlin Steak House. Thirty-nine members and guests enjoyed dinner, followed by candy made and furnished by the Runkles. Dave Cervin did a marvelous job in his presentation of "Casey at the Bat." Educational certificates were presented to everyone who

gave a program in 1993. Guessing games and bingo were enjoyed by all.

The November 27 newsletter reminded members to start bringing in coins and paper money to be used for the "World's Largest Treasure Hunt" promotion. Publicity will go out before the coins, inviting finders to come to the next meeting of the club to redeem or learn about their finds. Also, members interested in being considered for ANA Summer Seminar scholarships were encouraged to submit their names as soon as possible. One junior member will receive airfare, tuition, room and board, and one adult member will receive tuition, room and board. The method of selection is still to be determined. Louie Smith, of Dumas, Texas, was welcomed as a new club member.

--club newsletter (Nela Runkle, editor)

DISTRICT XIII

The December 6 meeting of the **Greenbelt Coin Club** was held at the offices of the Vernon Housing Authority, with 19 people attending. Eighteen items were put up for auction, and all but three sold. An open discussion of recent coin shows was held, with a consensus of opinion that there has lately been a strong trend toward the collector. The club received a letter from Mrs. Virginia Essex, a former member, who has moved to Amarillo since the death of her husband, Logan, earlier in the year. The meeting adjourned about 9:30 p.m.

--Carl Flores, club Secretary

DISTRICT XV

Judy Matherne led the October 21 meeting of the **Beaumont Coin Club**. Thanks were expressed to John Barnes and Bobbie LeBlanc for the excellent presentation they gave on local TV channel 12. John Barnes agreed to contact the ANA to get more information on the coin drop planned for National Coin Week in April 1994. Judy Matherne and Rosemary Moore were selected to serve on the committee for the jointly-sponsored spring coin show, and ideas for promoting the show were sought from meeting attendees. John Barnes did the evening's program, on bonds issued by the South to obtain money during the Civil War. John explained that they were usually printed on pink paper, and that their rarity depends on how many coupons are still attached. A very impressive and detailed list of 27 numismatic auction lots, to be sold at the November meeting, was included in the club newsletter.

The November 18 meeting was also called to order by Judy Matherne. Bill Stein reported that the spring show will be held March 19-20. The nominating committee submitted the following slate of officers: President, Ed White; V.P., Jerry Williams; Secretary, Judy Matherne; and Treasurer, David Newton. Sidney King donated 20 years of back issues of *The Numismatist*, the ANA's monthly journal, to the club. Jerry suggested that the club donate them to the library, and promised to contact the library to see if that is feasible. John Barnes began

collecting the names of people willing to donate coins to the National Coin Week coin drop in April
--Rosemary Moore, club Secretary

Thirteen members attended the November 4 **Port Arthur Coin Club** meeting. Club membership was announced to be 37, all of whom were encouraged to contact KVLU radio and encourage the station to run the "ANA Coin Minute." Donations were sought from members for the national coin drop planned by ANA for next April. John Barnes gave a program on Confederate War Bonds, noting that while many individual southerners were wealthy, the Confederacy was not. Afterwards, John went easy on his "Did Ya Knows," and Joe Scott got one. Missed "Did Ya Knows" included the price of gold in 1792 ($19.20) and the year in which the first $20 gold piece was issued in this country (1849).

Twenty members and their guests attended the club's Christmas party at Dorothy's Front Porch on December 2. There was an abundance of eating and much fellowship, not to mention the presentation of annual club awards. Rick Lanclos won the Best Numismatic Presentation award for his program on the Columbian Exposition, and then received the T.G. Brown award for contributing the most to the club in 1993. The officers for 1994 were announced, as follows: President, Barbara Edwards; V.P., Jerry Williams; Treasurer, Rick Lanclos; and Secretary, Ken Senholm.
--club newsletter, *Dollars and Cents* (Ken Seholm, editor)

The October 26 meeting of the **Silsbee Coin Club** was called to order by Zeke Provost, president. There were 17 people present, five of whom were guests: Kay Crain, William Legg, Richard Weber, Ed Griffin and Dennis Oliver. Bill Stein, chairman of the nominating committee, called for volunteers to serve as 1994 officers. John Barnes talked about the ANA's offer to arrange publicity for clubs wishing to do a coin drop during National Coin Week. John also suggested that the four area clubs brag a bit about all they have done in 1993 to promote coin collecting. Judy Matherne and John agreed to collaborate and write to hobby periodicals to try to get some information published. The club elected Art Larkin and Jack Provost as its 1994 Joint Show Committee representatives. Jim Cawley agreed to serve as an alternate if needed. Jerry Williams gave the evening's program, on Indian cents. Bobbie LeBlanc sent some nice Halloween-related refreshments. The meeting adjourned after a brief auction, conducted by Jerry.

The November 30 meeting was also led by Zeke Provost. Tom Herrington led the pledge to the flag. Visitors Dennis Oliver, Jr. and Bob Legg applied for membership in the club. The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for 1994: President, Jerry Williams; V.P., Judy Matherne; Secretary, Barbara Edwards; and Treasurer, Jack Provost. John Barnes collected names of people willing

to donate coins for the National Coin Week coin drop. A short auction followed the business meeting

--club newsletter (Barbara Edwards, editor)

DISTRICT XVII

Twenty-nine members and one visitor attended the November 11 meeting of the **Waco Coin Club**. The first order of business was the continued discussion of a new meeting site. The club voted to hold its January meeting at the local Holiday Lodge, but will continue to explore other possible sites. The election of 1994 officers concluded the business meeting: President, Glenn Hardin; 1st V.P., Don Miller; 2nd V.P., Darron Ellsworth; Secretary, J.P. Jones; Treasurer, George Kubal; and Sgt. at Arms, Wayne Riedel. In honor of Veteran's Day, members displayed World War II and Korean War military medals. Also exhibited were cartoon propoganda leaflets dropped over Iraq during Operation Desert Shield. An auction and swap session followed.

The club's Christmas party was held on December 9 at Uncle Dan's Rib House. A total of 56 members and kinfolk were present. Gerry Kammer served as toastmaster and gave the invocation. A very special guest was Cassie Olson, age three, who brought her parents, Joe and Lou Ann. A variety of desserts capped an evening of good fellowship and holiday cheer.

--J.P. Jones, club Secretary

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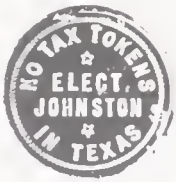

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